

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 01/12/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 50-52, 55-72, 84-94, 96 and 97.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Paul Filbin on February 6, 2007.

The application has been amended as follows:

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In claim 84, after "mounting foot", INSERT-----; said mounting foot includes a first sidewall and a first signaling device mounting surface, the first signaling device mounting surface being offset with respect to the light bar mounting surface, the first sidewall cooperating with the first signaling device mounting surface to define a first recess, said first signaling device disposed in the first recess. -----

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 50-52,55-72,84-94,96,97 are allowed.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art cited does not anticipate individually nor teach in combination the following limitations:
4. Green et al, although disclosing base having a light bar mounting surface for supporting a light bar, a vehicle connector for connecting the mounting foot to the

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vehicle, the vehicle connector secured to the base and a signaling device mounted to the base, Green fails to anticipate or teach in combination the feature of the base including a signaling device mounting surface and the light bar mounting surface being offset with respect to each other, the signaling device mounting surface being disposed between the light bar mounting surface and the vehicle mounting surface. Green also fails to disclose the following limitations:

- A mounting foot for mounting a light bar to an exterior surface of a vehicle, the mounting foot comprising: a base, the base having a light bar mounting surface for supporting the light bar; a vehicle connector for connecting the said mounting foot to the vehicle, the vehicle connector secured to the base; and a signaling device mounted to the base; wherein the base includes a signaling device mounting surface and an underside, the signaling device being disposed on the signaling device mounting surface, the light bar mounting surface and the signaling device mounting surface being offset with respect to each other, and the underside having a vehicle mounting surface engageable with the vehicle, the vehicle mounting surface in opposing relationship to the light bar mounting surface, the signaling device mounting surface being disposed between the light bar mounting surface and the vehicle mounting surface.
- Claim 84, in particular the features as amended herein in combination with the featured limitations in previously presented claim 84 as submitted 01/02/07.
- The features in claim 94, in particular, Green does not teach a mounting foot joining the light bar to the vehicle; at least one fastener for detachably securing

the light bar to the mounting foot a mounting foot light source; and a separate housing for the mounting foot light source supported on the mounting foot which is separate from the housing for the light sources of the light bar.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anabel M. Ton whose telephone number is (571) 272-2382. The examiner can normally be reached on 08:00-16:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sandra O'Shea can be reached on (571) 272-2378. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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